Setting up of high level prices Committee

2258. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of essential commodities have been increasing very rapidly in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry have suggested recently to Government for the setting up of a ten member high level prices committee headed by the Finance Minister to take advance action on rise of prices of essential commodities in the country; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The prices of some essential commodities have increased, some have declined and some others have remained steady in the past few months.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The price situation in general and prices of essenial commodities in particular are kept under constant surveillance by Government and action is taken as necessary. Already a number of committees at various levels are monitoring prices. There is, therefore, no proposal nor any need to set-up another committee on prices as suggested by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Indigenous Manufacture of Air-borne Warning and control System

2259. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to manufacture indigenously airborne warning and control system to counter Pakistan's arquisition of such planes; and

(b) if so, what are the broad outlines thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Presently there is no proposal for any manufacturing programme of an AWAC system. However, necessary action has been initiated to develop indigenous Technologies for an Air-borne Early Warning capability.

(b) Question does not arise.

Suggestion for use of Hindi by Indian Diplomats

2260. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any sugegstion was made in the Central Hindi Committee on 18th September 1985 that Indian diplomats and officers abroad should use Hindi in their conversation with fforeign diplomate;

(b) if so, whether any decision was taken to take up this matter with the External Affairs Ministry;

(c) if so, whether that Ministry has been consulted in this regard; and

(d) if so, what was their response in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of External Affairs was consulted. Their response to implement the sugegstion made in the Central Hindi Committee was positive.